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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER

REF: A) ACHILLES-COOPER TELCON OF SEPT 25, B) HELSINKI 2030

1. THE REFERENCED TEL CONVERSATION REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POINTS OF INTEREST (SHOPPING, MUSEUMS, ETC.) WHICH MRS. ROCKEFELLER MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING. THE EMBASSY PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. OBVIOUSLY, HER BRIEF STAY IN HELSINKI WILL PERMIT VISITING ONLY A FEW OF THE POSSIBILITIES BELOW:

A. SHOPPING: THERE ARE NUMEROUS INTERESTING SHOPS IN HELSINKI. FINLAND IS NOTED FOR ITS IMAGINATIVE DESIGNS IN GLASS, CERAMICS, TEXTILES AND JEWELRY. IN WOMEN'S FASHIONS THE NAMES OF MARIMEKKO AND VUOKKO HAVE BECOME WIDELY KNOWN. STONES AND BOUTIQUES FEATURING THESE ITEMS ARE FOUND IN THE DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA. IF TIME AND WEATHER PERMIT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER IS INTERESTED, THE THURSDAY MORNING (OCT 7) PROGRAM COULD BEGIN WITH A VISIT TO HELSINKI'S ATTRACTIVE TRADITIONAL HARBOR-SIDE OPEN MARKET SQUARE.

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B. MUSEUMS: THERE ARE SEVERAL INTERESTING MUSEUMS IN HELSINKI. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM FEATURES HISTORICAL, ARCHEOLOGICAL AND FOLKLORE COLLECTIONS; THE SEURASAARI OPEN-AIR MUSEUM OF FINNISH HISTORY FEATURES, IN ADDITION TO NORMAL MUSEUM EXHIBITS, RECONSTRUCTIONS OF ANCIENT FINNISH DWELLINGS, VILLAGES, ETC. THE GALLEN-KALLELA MUSEUM FEATURES PAINTINGS, GRAPHICS AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN. IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHER MUSEUMS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ART GALLERIES. OBVIOUSLY, TIME LIMITATIONS WOULD PRECLUDE VISITING MORE THAN ONE OR TWO MUSEUMS OR GALLERIES.

C. CHURCH IN THE ROCK: A CHURCH IN THE CENTER OF HELSINKI CARVED OUT OF ROCK; AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE FINNISH ARCHITECTURAL GENIUS FOR BLENDING CONSTRUCTION INTO HARMONY WITH THE SURROUNDING NATURAL SETTING.

D. FINLANDIA HALL: A MODERN NEW CONFERENCE CENTER AND CONCERT HALL, SITE OF LAST YEAR'S FINAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION.

E. SIBELIUS MONUMENT: A MODERNISTIC SCULPTURE DEDICATED TO THE FAMOUS FINNISH COMPOSER. PERHAPS MEET WITH THE SCULPTOR WHO WOULD EXPLAIN THE WORK.

F. HVITTRASK: THIS WAS THE HOME AND STUDIO OF FINNISH ARCHITECT ELIEL SAARINEN AND WAS DESIGNED BY HIM AND TWO ASSOCIATES AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A VERY PLEASANT SETTING AND AN EXCELLENT RESTAURANT, THE HOUSE FEATURES EXHIBITIONS OF SOME OF SAARINEN'S BEST KNOWN WORKS. LOCATED 15 MILES OUTSIDE OF HELSINKI.

G. TAPIOLA GARDEN CITY: WORLD-FAMOUS FINNISH NEW TOWN THAT HAS BEEN THE PATTERN UPON WHICH NUMEROUS OTHER NEW TOWNS, INCLUDING RESTON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VA, HAVE BEEN BUILT.

2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EMBASSY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE POINTS OF INTEREST WHICH MRS. ROCKEFELLER WOULD PARTICULARLY WANT TO VISIT. MEANWHILE, THE EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO ARRANGE THE TOURING ON THE BASIS OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE MOST INTERESTING AND TO WORK OUT THE BEST.

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